



## Public Information Release

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### UDWR Officers Conduct Invasive Species Checkpoint at Utah Lake

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Utah County -

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) launched an aggressive campaign in early 2007 to assess threats from quagga and zebra mussels. The campaign acknowledged the need to advise the public of the ecologic and economic impact created by the spread of invasive species.

The 2008 Utah Legislature unanimously passed the Utah Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Act, Rule R657-60. The rule provides authority to make stops of trailered watercraft, conduct administrative checkpoints and includes a mandate for pre-launch self-certification of mussel free status.

On Saturday June 25, UDWR law enforcement officers and wildlife biologists conducted an administrative checkpoint at Lincoln Beach Harbor on Utah Lake. Officers inspected all water craft for potential introduction of the mussels into Utah Lake.

Boaters were educated of the threats posed by mussels and the steps necessary to prevent the spread of the unwanted species. Officers contacted hundreds of individuals, finding no infested watercraft.

The efforts launched in 2007 showed success at the checkpoint, however, boaters must remain vigilant to control the invasive mussels.



Mussel Infested Boat Motor

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